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1. An oil refinery is located about 1 km. east of Szöny village which is on the right bank of the Danube about 4 km. east-southeast of the Komárom railway station. The refinery occupies an area about 800 - 1,000 m. in a north-south direction and about 350 m. in a east-west direction, in the western angle formed by the main concrete road Budapest-Vienna, and a road leading south from it to the Béla farm. The Budapest-Vienna railway line passes the factory about 100 m. to the north of it and between the road and the river. About 500 m. to the south of the factory a small brook runs in an easterly direction into the Danube.
2. The refinery was built during the war, was heavily damaged by bombing in 1944, but has never stopped producing. After the war the refinery was turned into a Soviet-Hungarian company and all damage was repaired. Since 1947 production is at full capacity; at that time the underground pipe-line from Zalaegerszeg was completed.
3. The lay-out (see sketch II):
 - a. From the entrance in the center of the north side, a road 8 m. wide leads all the way down across the factory area. An iron fence 2 m. high topped by 0.5 m. of barbed wire curving outward surrounds the area. On either side of the center road (No. 10) there are tanks with a diameter of 7-10 m. and a height of 6-10 m. There are at least 50 - 60 such tanks, all interconnected by means of white spiral-shaped aluminum tubes.
 - b. Building No. 5 houses the Soviet and Hungarian guards. It is single-storied with a red tile roof and a floor space 30 x 15 m.
 - c. Building No. 6, 50 x 15 m. single-storied with flat black asphalted roofing board, has about 8-10 doors on all sides. It contains the laboratory and a number of technical offices.

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- d. Building No. 2 corresponds in size to No. 5, except that it is a two-story structure. It contains the administrative offices and rooms for the workmen.
- e. No. 3 is a concrete floor 30 x 15 m. used for placing goods. South of of this there is a wooden shed No. 4, purpose not known.
4. In the souther part of the area there are 6 buildings all alike, three on either side of the center road. They have two stories and grey slate roofs, the walls are of brick without plaster. These buildings are U-shaped, with the open front facing the center road. They contain refining installations, workshops, and pumping machinery for the pipeline (No. 9) which enters the area from the southwest.
5. The refinery processes the crude oil received through the pipe-line from Zalaegerszeg and Lispe. The daily production amounts to about 120 car-loads. Daily transports leave the works in tank cars by rail and in fuel trucks by road. With destination the USSR, river transports leave the works about twice a week.
6. There is no railway siding connecting the works with the main line. It is believed that an underground pipeline leads from the works to the railway station Szöny about 1 km. northwest of the works (No. 10 on sketch I). At this station tank cars have been observed being formed into trains. No transports have been observed from the works to the Danube, and it is believed that loading of river barges also takes place from a pipeline, either north of Szöny station or north of the works on the river bank. Most of the road tankers leaving the works take the direction of Budapest.
7. Electrical power is supplied by the Bánhida station via a transformer station of unknown location.
8. The total number of labor employed is 600-800, working 7 days a week, in three shifts daily.
9. Soviet soldiers with automatic weapons are on guard duty outside the works and Hungarian guards inside. The former are also posted in small concrete sentry boxes placed along the fence at intervals of about 100 m. and they carry out control at the entrance gate. All employees, officials, and workmen live outside the works.

Legend to the SketchesSketch I: The Szöny Area

1. Refinery Szöny
2. Refinery Almasfüzitő
3. Double-track railway Budapest-Vienna
4. Concrete road
5. Small brook
6. Railway station Almasfüzitő
7. Railway station Szöny
8. Single-track railway line Komárom-Székesfehérvár
9. Secondary road
10. Roads
11. Farm Béla

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Sketch II (Refinery Szőny)

1. Entrance
2. Administrative building
3. Storing place
4. Wooden shed
5. Guard
6. Laboratory and technical offices
7. Oil tanks and refining installations
8. Six buildings containing workshops etc.
9. Underground pipeline.
10. Gravel road
11. Sentry boxes
12. Iron rod fence with barbed wire
13. Road to farm Béla
14. Concrete road Budapest-Vienna.

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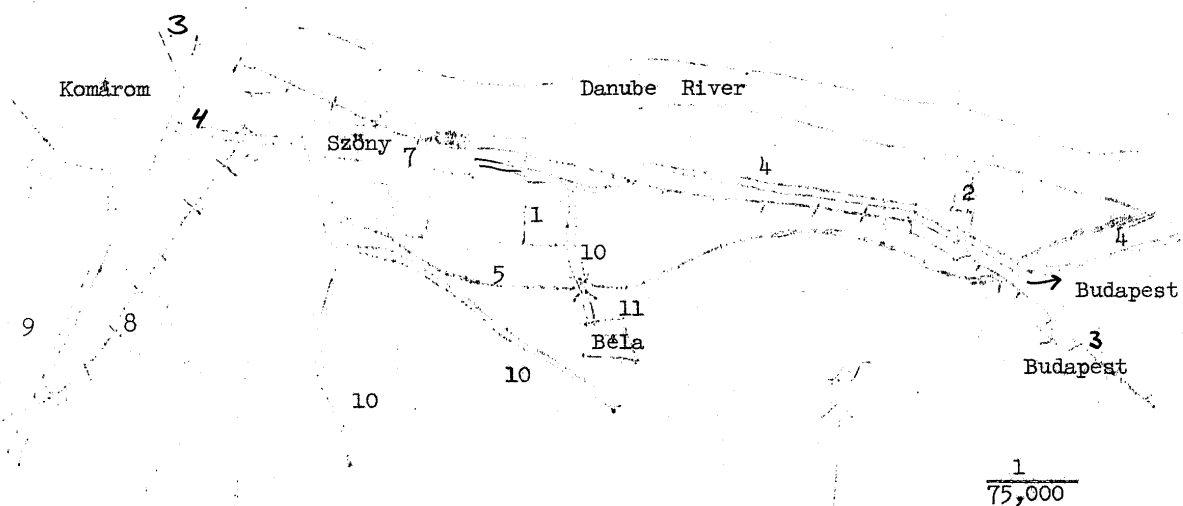
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The Szöny Area-Sketch I

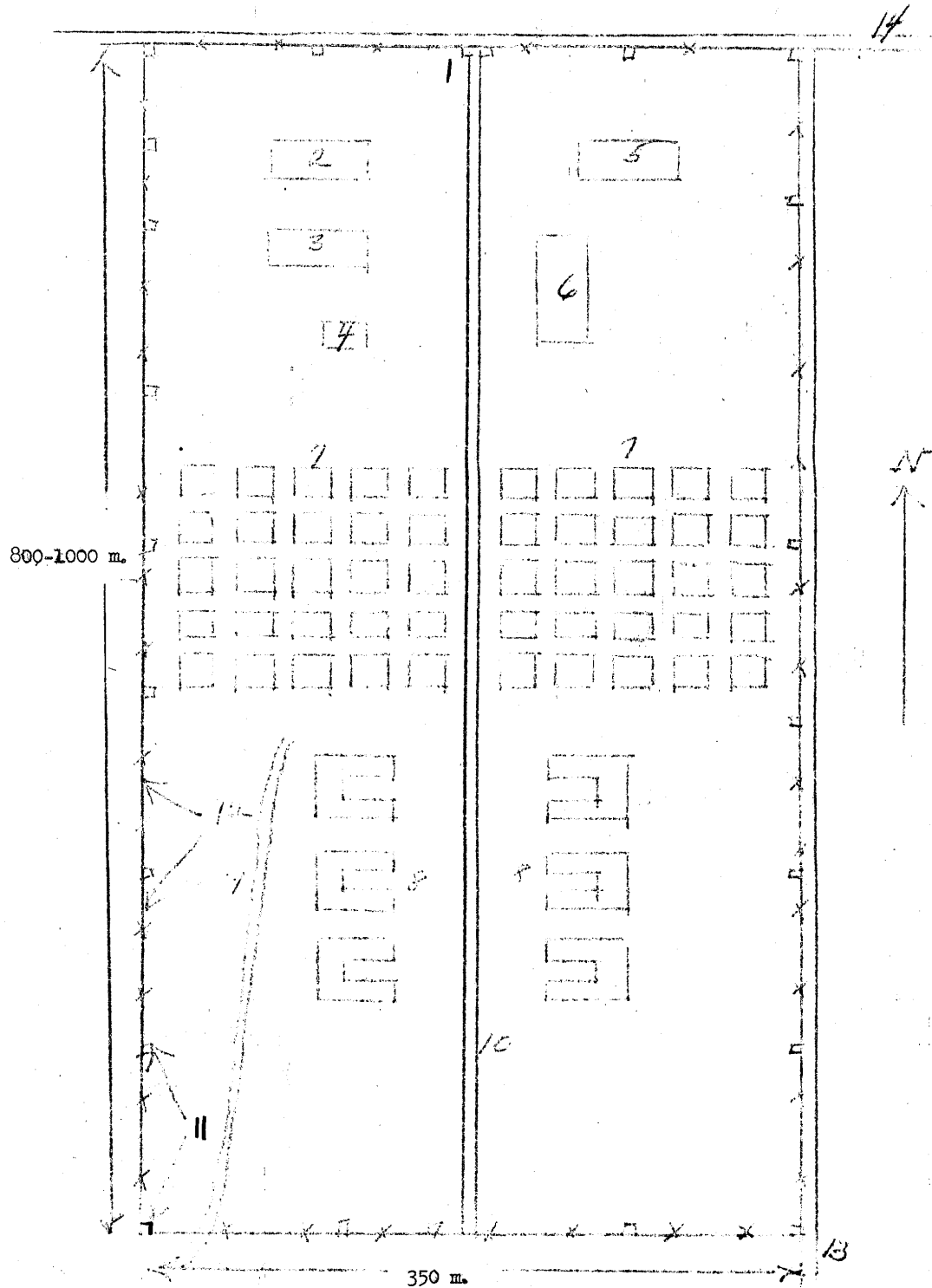


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The Szony Refinery - Sketch II



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